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Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the July 31, 2006 Final Office Action, setting a three-month period for reply. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a), a one-month extension of the term for reply, i.e., to up to and including November 30, 2006, is requested. A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed in payment of the required fee therefore. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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